

## MILPERSMAN 1220-030

### PARACHUTIST DESIGNATION AND DUTY

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<b>Governing Directives</b>	DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DODFMR), Volume 7A NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classification and Occupational Standards, Volume II NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations MCO P1020.34E, U.S. Marine Corps Uniform Regulations
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#### 1. Policy. Training for

static-line,
military free-fall, and
high altitude low opening (HALO) premeditated personnel parachute (P3) operations

is accomplished by successful completion of the prescribed course of instruction while attending the

U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course,
U.S. Army Basic Military Free-Fall Parachutist Course, or
other training certified by Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) or approved by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

2. Definition. The term "Competent Orders" as used in this article shall be construed to include orders to the commanding officer of an activity whose mission includes P3 operations. Commanding officers of units whose mission does not include P3 operations, but have jump qualified personnel in their command, are authorized to write permissive Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) orders for these personnel, to a unit whose mission includes P3 operations, to maintain qualifications.

3. **Static-Line Parachute Jumper**. A static-line parachute jumper is a member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

- a. Is a volunteer for parachute jumping duty.
- b. Is qualified according to the medical standards set by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) at the time of designation and periodicity of physical thereafter.
- c. Successfully completed formal military static-line parachutist training at Ft. Benning, Georgia or at a formal interservice training site.
- d. Is authorized by competent orders to engage in P3 operations as an essential part of military duty.

4. **Free-Fall Parachute Jumper**. A free-fall parachute jumper is a member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

- a. Is a qualified parachute jumper as defined in block titled "Static-Line Parachute Jumper."
- b. Is qualified for unpressurized high altitude parachute jumping according to the medical standards set by BUMED at the time of designation and annually thereafter.
- c. Successfully completes the prescribed program of instruction while attending a formal, interservice training facility including a minimum of 10 military free-fall parachute jumps, at least 2 of which must have been conducted carrying full combat equipment (1 day/1 night).
- d. Be assigned or attached, under competent orders, to a Navy organization whose mission includes the requirement for military free-fall parachute jumping or have a part of their military duty the authorization to engage in P3 operations.

5. **HALO Parachute Jumper**. A HALO parachute jumper is a member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

- a. Is a qualified parachute jumper as defined in block titled "Static-Line Parachute Jumper."

b. Successfully completes the prescribed program of instruction while attending a formal, interservice training facility including a minimum of 16 HALO jumps.

c. Be assigned or attached, under competent orders, to a Navy organization whose mission includes the requirement for frequent and regular participation in HALO operations or have as part of their military duty the authorization to engage in P3 operations.

#### 6. Requalification Procedures

a. Requalification procedures are to perform one or more parachute jumps during any 3 consecutive calendar months, unless prevented from doing so by

(1) limited duty status for medical reasons,

(2) military operations (including operations under other than combat conditions), or

(3) absence of jump equipment or aircraft.

b. Whenever conditions are such that the required jumps cannot be made in every quarter, the minimum requirements may be met by performing 4 static-line, free-fall, or HALO jumps during a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, and such requirements may be met any time during that period.

c. All officer and enlisted parachutist with an officer designator or Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) associated with a Navy community whose mission requires static-line, free-fall, or HALO operations (i.e.; 1130/5326 SEAL, 1140/5337 EOD), should maintain qualifications when assigned to shore or neutral duties.

**NOTE:** Specific requirements for incentive pay for parachute duty are found in DoD 7000.14-R, volume 7A, chapter 24.

#### 7. Disqualification from Parachute Duty

a. Commanding officers shall disqualify a member from parachute duty and remove their parachutist designator whenever

(1) after a medical examination they are found to be permanently physically or psychologically disqualified for parachutist duty.

(2) after a technical examination the individual lacks the minimum operational qualifications for parachutist duty as specified in CNO directives.

(3) an individual is no longer a volunteer for parachutist duty to which they may be assigned by proper authority and a statement to this effect, signed by the member, is entered in their service record.

b. A member who has been disqualified for static-line, HALO, or free-fall parachute duty for medical reasons is eligible for return to such duty upon determination that qualifications for such duty, according to the manual of the medical standards published by BUMED, have been satisfied.

8. **Commanding Officer's Responsibility.** Commanding officers shall limit a previously HALO or free-fall qualified member to static-line whenever, after a technical examination, a member is determined to lack the minimum operational qualification for HALO or free-fall parachute duty as specified in CNO directives, but remains qualified to perform static-line parachute duty.

9. **Recording and Reporting Parachutists**

a. The assignment or removal of parachutist NEC codes shall be per NAVPERS 18068F.

b. Service record and personnel accounting entries are as follows:

(1) Whenever an enlisted member initially qualifies as a parachutist, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks of their service record indicating the date of qualification, type(s) of aircraft in which qualified, unit at which the training was received, and the authority granting the right to wear the Basic Parachute Insignia. The parachutist designator shall be affixed to their rate in the following manner: PR2(PJ). An entry to this effect shall be entered on the personnel diary as follows: "CH designator to (PJ)."

(2) Whenever an enlisted member is disqualified for parachutist duty, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 of the service record showing the reason for disqualification. The parachutist (PJ) designator shall be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH PJ designator to NONE."

(3) Whenever an enlisted member initially qualifies as a free-fall parachutist, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 of the service record indicating the date of qualification, type(s) of aircraft in which qualified, and unit at which the training was received. The entry shall also indicate whether or not the member is HALO qualified. The free-fall parachutist designator shall be affixed to their rate in the following manner: PR2(FPJ). An entry to this effect shall be entered on the personnel diary as follows: "CH designator to (FPJ)."

(4) Whenever an enlisted member is disqualified for HALO or free-fall parachutist duty, but continues to be qualified for static-line parachutist duty, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 of the service record indicating the reason for disqualification. The HALO or free-fall parachutist (FPJ) designator shall be changed to static-line parachutist (PJ) and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH designator to (PJ)."

(5) Whenever an enlisted member is disqualified for HALO or free-fall and static-line parachutist duty, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 of the service record indicating the reason for disqualification. The free-fall parachutist (FPJ) designator shall be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH FPJ designator to NONE."

c. Appropriate entry of qualification or disqualification shall be made on special duty abstracts of the health record at the time of original physical examination and annual reexaminations thereafter. Commanding officers shall be informed of the results of all physical examinations.

10. **Basic Parachutist Insignia.** The Basic Parachutist Insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by NAVPERS 15665I and MCO P1020.34E. The right to wear the Basic Parachutist Insignia is authorized for those who meet the qualification requirements, whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked, and who have not subsequently qualified for the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.

11. **Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.** The Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by NAVPERS 15665I and MCO P1020.34E. The right to wear the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia is authorized for those members who have previously qualified for

the Basic Parachutist Insignia; have, under competent orders, completed a minimum of five additional static-line or P3 jumps with a Navy or Marine Corps organization whose mission includes static-line or P3 jumping with verification of such jumps for enlisted members included on NAVPERS 1070/613 of the service record; and whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked.

12. **Revocation.** In general, the provisions for revocation of Naval Aviator Insignia shall apply as related to revocation of authority to wear the Basic Parachutist Insignia or the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.

13. **Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers**

a. Qualifications and instructions for commissioned officers and warrant officers assigned parachute duty are as specified for enlisted personnel.

b. Parachutist qualifications attained while in an enlisted status shall be carried over to the officer's service record.

14. **Other Services.** Parachutist qualification attained while in another service shall be carried over to the member's naval service record.